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SUBJECT: CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS CONTINUE SESSION

1. WEEK-END PRESS DESPATCHES REPORT THAT THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY OF THE FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES MET AGAIN MARCH 7 AND 8, THIS TIME IN SAN PEDRO SULA. NO INDICATION OF PURPOSE OF MEETING, EXCEPT THAT IT WAS "INFORMAL" AND "TO COMPLY WITH A DECISON TAKEN AT THE MINISTERS' RECENT MEETING IN GUATEMALA" (GUATEMALA 1060). SOME REPORTS SAID THAT AFTER AN UNOFFICIAL REVIEW OF THE REGION'S ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE MINISTERS VISITED PORT INSTALLATIONS AT PUERO CORTES, HONDURAS. THE LATTER VISIT LEADS TO SPECULATION THAT THE UNANNOUNCED MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS SOMEHOW RELATED TO LAST WEEK'S MEETING OF REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITIES (COCAP) IN SAN UNCLASSIFIED

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SALVADOR, AND TO ACCELERATED EFFORTS TO INCREASE REGIONAL

COOPERATION IN MARITIME TRANSPORT.

2. ACCORDING TO SIECA, THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN TEGUCIGALPA AS THE ECLA COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION MARCH 31-APRIL 2, AND AGAIN IN THEIR "REGULAR" XIV SESSION APRIL 21-23 AT A VENUE YET TO BE ANNOUNCED.

3. OTHER PENDING SESSIONS FOSTERING CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION OR REGIONAL COOPERATION INCLUDE (A) THE "III MEETING OF MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE", ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SAN JOSE MARCH 10-11 AND INTENDED TO MOVE FORWARD THE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM OUTLINED BY THE FIVE CA PRESIDENTS AT JALAPA, NICARAGUA, ON FEBRUARY 12. (B) A MEETING OF HEADS OF CENTRAL BANKS MARCH 17-21. (C) TWO SESSIONS OF THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE IN MARCH AND (D) A MEETING OF INTEGRATION VICE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY IN MID-APRIL TO REVIEW THE EXPORT PROGRAMS OF THE REGION. PARKER ACTING ANDREWS UNQUOTE MELOY

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